recovery rate. In addition, rounding off the fraction of recovery rate will be done as per statistical practice upto one decimal place with effect from 2004-05 sugar season.

Assigning Mc. Kinsey & Company the task of improving functioning of FCI

† SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:

SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Mc. Kinsey & Company has been assigned the task to give suggestions to bring improvement in the functioning of Food Corporation of India;

(b) if so, the basis for selection of the said organisation and by when the said organisation would submit its report to Government; and

(c) the amount earmarked by Government to be paid to the said organisation to accomplish such task?

THE MINISTER OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) M/s Mc. Kinsey & Co. has been assigned the study by the FCI as it is the leading management consultancy company having experience in conducting similar studies for public sector undertakings, State Governments and private sector companies. The study would be carried out in six months.

(c) M/s Mc. Kinsey & Co. would be paid Rs. 4.80 crore by the FCI for this study.

Special trains for festivals

†*51. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are running special trains in view of the growing rush of passengers during the festival season;

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.